GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1304
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FENCING ON INDO PAK BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have suspended plans of fencing the international boundary with Pakistan in Jammu region in the recent past as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated May 15, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether the Pakistan forces have shot dead several workers engaged in the border fencing;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the compensation paid by the Government to the families of workers who were shot dead by the Pakistani securities; and

(f) the time by which the fencing work is likely to be recommended and completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (f): No, Sir. Despite the attempts made by Pakistan side to disrupt and damage the fencing work being undertaken on Jammu International Border, construction work is progressing and expected to be completed by March, 2003. Seven BSF personnel have sustained bullet injuries in firing incidents from across the border. Entitled compensation would be paid to these personnel.